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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government organise training courses in the fields for training the farmers regarding Integrated Pest Management Practices;

(b) if so, the number of such training courses organised so far in the country including Maharashtra;

(c) the number of farmers of Maharashtra benefited from these trainings; and

(d) the number of Training courses targeted to be organised in Maharashtra during 2003-04?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir. Government of India organise demonstration and training of farmers and State Agricultural Extension functionaries in the field of Integrated Pest Management by conducting Farmers` Field Schools (FFSs) through 26 Central IPM Centres located in 22 States and one Union Territory under the Central Sector Scheme entitled `Integrated Pest Management Approach in India`. The training of farmers in IPM have also been organised in the States under UNDP programmes and FAO-EU Cotton IPM Programme ir India besides the IPM trainings under Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC).

(b)&(c): So far, 8,027 Farmers` Field Schools (FFSs) have been organised by the Central IPM Centres in the country upto Kharif, 2003 in IPM including Maharashtra.Out of the above, 832 FFSs have been conducted in Maharashtra where 26,160 farmers have been trained in IPM skill. Besides, 5,025 farmers have also been trained in Maharashtra through 201 FFSs organised under FAO-EU Cotton IPM Programme/State Government since 2001.Further, 2,250 IPM training programmes have been conducted in the country under TMC out of which 603 have been organised in Maharashtra whereby 18,090 farmers have been trained upto 2002-03.

(d): A total of 32 FFSs are targeted to be organised by CIPMC, Nagpur in Maharashtra besides 286 by State Government and 646 under the TMC during 2003-04.